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FROM : JCS

TO : USCINCEUR

NR : JCS 1425

08 Sep 61

FOR GENERAL NORSTAD FROM CJCS SIGNED LEHNITZER.

1. Confirming our telecon, following is text of subject public affairs release:

"Secretary Of Defense Robert McNamara, with the approval of the President, has directed that 40,000 additional Army troops be sent to Europe in the immediate future to strengthen our combat and combat-support forces in that theater.

"These reinforcements will bring the 7th Army and other United States units committed to NATO to full combat strength, and will provide additional combat, combat-support and logistical units for our army forces in Europe.

"Logistic requirements for the augmentation require that transportation of dependents to Europe be suspended until further notice commencing on October 9, 1961. Countries included in this suspension are Belgium, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Exclusive of West Berlin, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom. The suspension applies to all means of travel.

"The Secretaries of the military departments have been directed to accomplish the following:

"1. Stop completely on October 9, 1961, government sponsored travel of dependents to Europe.

"2. Discontinue immediately all port calls for dependent transportation to Europe.

"3. Cancel authority for concurrent travel of dependents to Europe in all cases where the sponsor has not departed from his last duty station.

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"4. Explain the effect of this suspension to holders of port calls or concurrent travel orders and encourage dependents to forego travel in those cases where such travel is scheduled prior to October 9, 1961.

"5. Advise all sponsors and dependents affected concerning their entitlements and procedures for transportation to selected places of residence, and the movement of household goods.

"Exemptions to the suspension of travel may be made upon recommendation of the service Secretaries or the Joint Chiefs of Staff in those instances where the presence of dependents is in the National interest."

2. I have been informed that the release, originally scheduled for 1400 hours local time today, has been deferred for twenty-four hours to allow MACO to be notified.

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